

Scotland's Census 2021 Topic Consultation

Plan for this afternoon

- Run-through National Records of Scotland initial view on topics for 2021
- Highlighting topics where we need your help in particular
- Responding to the consultation
- Next steps
- Questions / discussion

Key points to note

- The consultation is open and aimed at **all users** of Census results
- The consultation document provides NRS' **initial** view
- It aims to **promote discussion** and encourage the development of **strong cases for topics**
- The focus is on **topics and requirements**, not questions
- **Detailed** information is required, for **all** topics - tell us how and why you use the data

Approach

- Building on the success and evaluation of 2011
- Considering new topics BUT constraints on length of questionnaire will remain
- Changes to address:
 - Where questions didn't work well
 - New or emerging policy requirements
 - Changes in legislation and international guidance
- Working with colleagues across the UK to harmonise where required

Status definitions

Status	Definition
Collect (20)	Propose to include based on current understanding of user needs and quality considerations
Further information required – existing topic / question (16)	Where further information is required for an existing census topic/question, based on quality considerations and/or to better understand user need for 2021
Further information required – asked elsewhere in the UK in 2011 (5)	Where further information is required for topics/questions asked elsewhere in the UK in 2011, to understand user need for 2021.
Further information required – not asked in 2011 (2)	Where further information is required for topics/questions not included in any of the UK censuses in 2011, to understand user need for 2021.

How we got to our initial view

Developed through:

- Assessment of 2011 data quality
- Assessment of known user needs
- Previous research and censuses

Initial view: Collect

Housing and accommodation

- Accommodation type
- Self-contained accommodation
- Tenure (and landlord)

Basic demographics and household composition

- Sex
- Age
- Marital or civil partnership status

Migration

- Country of birth
- Address one year ago

Travel to place of work or study

- Method of transport

Initial view: Collect

Ethnic group

- Ethnic group

Language

- Gaelic

Religion

- Religion*

Health and care

- General health
- Long-term health problem or disability
- Unpaid care

Educational attainment

- Qualifications held*

Labour force and socio-economic activity

- Economic activity
- Occupation
- Industry

Initial view: Further information required – existing topics

- **Housing and accommodation**
 - Number of rooms
 - Type of central heating
 - Cars or vans
- **Basic demographics and household composition**
 - Household and family relationships
- **Migration**
 - Date of arrival in the UK
- **Ethnicity and national identity**
 - National identity
- **Labour force and socio-economic classification**
 - Year last worked
 - Supervisory status
 - Hours worked

Initial view: Further information required – existing topics

- **Address of place of work**
- **Address of place of study**
- **Languages**
 - Scots
 - English
 - Other languages
- **Students**
- **Health (long-term conditions)**

Travel to work or study

- **Address of place or work**
- **Address of place of study**
- Combined question introduced in 2001 hasn't worked well

NRS need further information to establish whether there is sufficient user demand to ask **two separate questions**.

Languages

New sub-topics in 2011

- **Scots**
 - **English**
 - **Other languages**
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- Inconsistencies in responses to Scots / English

Data quality considerations mean NRS need further information to clarify user requirements for 2021.

Students

- Currently collect:
 - **full-time student status**
- Confusion over who is a 'student'

NRS will review the information to be collected. Further information is required to establish user needs:

- Level of education? (useful operationally)
- Part-time students? (useful for respondents)

Long-term health conditions

New sub-topic in 2011

- Question caused difficulties for respondents
- c. 350,000 write-in responses

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Would an **impairment-based model** provide a more useful framework to collect data?

Initial view: Further information required – asked elsewhere in the UK in 2011

- **Housing and accommodation**
 - Number of bedrooms
- **Basic demographics and household composition**
 - Second address
- **Migration**
 - Type of migration
 - Citizenship
- **Labour force and socio-economic classification**
 - Voluntary and unpaid work

Second addresses

- Competing demands in 2011 meant topic was excluded (two questions)
- Useful:
 - Operationally
 - For understanding local area populations
 - Improving travel to work/study data

NRS require further information to establish user need for 2021.

Migration

- **Type of migration**
 - Short or long term (intention to stay)
 - Reason for migration?
 - Asylum/refugee status?
- **Citizenship**

NRS anticipate strong user demand for a range of migration-related data in the future. We need further information to:

- Establish user need
- Assist in determining the best way of collecting this information

Bedrooms

- Asked in rest of UK in 2011
- Could provide alternative source of information about overcrowding / under-occupation (number of rooms)

NRS require further information to ensure the most useful information is collected in 2021.

Voluntary work

- Basic question asked in Northern Ireland in 2011, but didn't collect detail
- Some user need identified in Scotland

NRS require further information to establish user need for 2021.

Initial view - Further information required – not asked in 2011

- **Sexual orientation**
- **Income**

Sexual orientation

- Never asked in UK census before
- Previous concerns around privacy and acceptability in a compulsory survey – data quality, response rates
- Strong user demand for information – important to collect

Should sexual orientation be collected in a census?
NRS require further information from users to determine the best approach.

Income

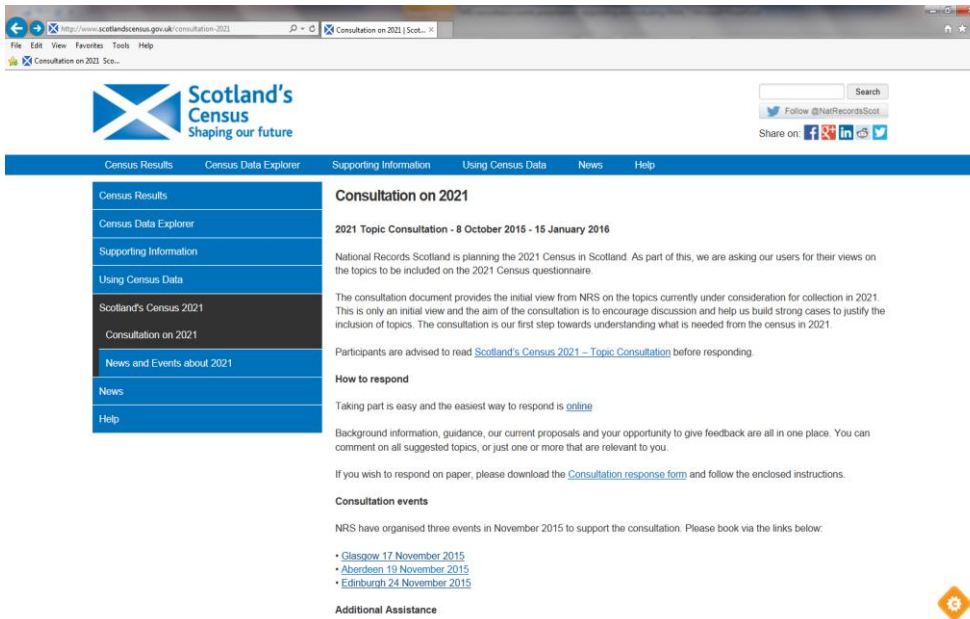
- Recommended for Scottish census questionnaire in 2011
- Scottish Parliament advised it should be removed due to concerns around privacy.

NRS anticipate a continuing strong demand for income data and need further information to help determine the best approach.

Summary

- Think about your information requirements, not the questions or tick boxes
- For all topics, not just where further information is required
- We need detailed information – if you need help with providing your response, please contact us for advice

Responding to the consultation



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Scotland's Census website. The page title is 'Consultation on 2021'. The main content area is titled 'Consultation on 2021' and includes the following sections:

- 2021 Topic Consultation - 8 October 2015 - 15 January 2016**

National Records Scotland is planning the 2021 Census in Scotland. As part of this, we are asking our users for their views on the topics to be included on the 2021 Census questionnaire.
- The consultation document provides the initial view from NRS on the topics currently under consideration for collection in 2021. This is only an initial view and the aim of the consultation is to encourage discussion and help us build strong cases to justify the inclusion of topics. The consultation is our first step towards understanding what is needed from the census in 2021.**
- Participants are advised to read [Scotland's Census 2021 - Topic Consultation](#) before responding.**
- How to respond**

Taking part is easy and the easiest way to respond is [online](#).
- Background information, guidance, our current proposals and your opportunity to give feedback are all in one place. You can comment on all suggested topics, or just one or more that are relevant to you.**
- If you wish to respond on paper, please download the [Consultation response form](#) and follow the enclosed instructions.**
- Consultation events**

NRS have organised three events in November 2015 to support the consultation. Please book via the links below:

 - [Glasgow 17 November 2015](#)
 - [Aberdeen 19 November 2015](#)
 - [Edinburgh 24 November 2015](#)
- Additional Assistance**

- Go to the Scotland's Census website
- Read the Topic Consultation document
- Follow the link to respond online



Citizen Space

Citizen Space

- We use Citizen Space - an online consultation platform widely used by the Scottish Government - to host our 2021 Census topic consultation and collect responses
- People can access Citizen Space directly <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/national-records-of-scotland-survey/scotlands-census-2021-topic-consultation> or via our 2021 Census consultations webpage on the NRS website.

Citizen Space - Overview



Consultation Hub Find Consultations We Asked, You Said, We Did

Scotland's Census 2021 - Topic Consultation

Overview

National Records of Scotland is already planning the 2021 Census in Scotland and we need your help. To inform our planning, we have launched this public consultation which is open to everyone. We want to know which topics the census should cover.

A lot changes in the 10 years between each census. Our society is constantly evolving and the information our users want from the census also may change. This is why your feedback is so important. You can submit responses until 15 January 2016.

Why We Are Consulting

A video player showing a man in a light blue shirt and dark tie sitting at a desk in front of a bookshelf. The video title is "Scotland's Census 2021 - Topic Consultation" and it is from "Scotland's Census". The video is 02:33 long and is hosted on Vimeo. The video player includes a play button, a progress bar, and a volume icon.

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Key Dates

Status: Open
Runs from 8 Oct 2015 to 15 Jan 2016

Other Information

Audience:
Scotland's Census data users,
Academic/research,
Charity/Voluntary,
Commercial,
Genealogist/family historian,
Government department/public body,
Health Organisations,
Housing,
International organisations,
Journalists/media,
Local Authorities,
Utility

Citizen Space – Respond to the consultation

What do I need to do?

- Read through the consultation document – it may be useful to have a copy of this open as you work your way through the questions.
- You can respond as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.
- If you are responding on behalf of an organisation - we would prefer one response per organisation, where possible. If you need help or advice with this, please contact us.
- You can provide a response to all topics, or just to the individual topic (s) that are relevant to you.
- Tell us as much as you can about how and why you use census data.
- Full guidance on completion is available on the contents page.

Give Us Your Views

[Respond to the consultation](#)

Related Information

Links:

- [Glossary](#)
- [Census Geographies](#)
- [UK Legislation](#)
- [Eurostat Census Legislation](#)

Related Documents

[Topic Consultation document](#), 722.3 kB (PDF document)

[Consultation Response Form](#), 376.6 kB (PDF document)

[Moderation Policy](#), 61.6 kB (PDF document)

[2011 Census questionnaire: Scotland H1](#), 833.5 kB (PDF document)

[Analysis of responses to the NRS Beyond 2011 Consultation on user requirements](#), 544.3 kB (PDF document)

composition,
Housing,
Ethnicity and national identity,
Language,
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Religion,
Migration and Citizenship,
Education,
Health,
Carers,
Labour market and socio-economic
classifications,
Travel ,
Income,
Sexual Orientation

Citizen Space - Contents



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Consultation Contents

How to complete the survey:

1. Please read the consultation document before responding. You can provide a response to all topics, or just to the individual topic(s) that are relevant to you.
2. You can "Save your response and return later" by using the option at the bottom of each page and following the instructions.
3. In the list below, after the topics that NRS are consulting on, you will find:
Three blank additional topics to complete for any topics we are not consulting on that you feel should be included
A user satisfaction question to help us improve this service.
4. When you are ready to submit your response, use the 'Finish' button at the base of this contents page. You will be asked to confirm your submission.

When you have submitted you will be given a unique reference code to use if you need to contact us. You will also be emailed a PDF receipt for your submission.

The criteria that we will use to evaluate your responses, and supporting information on 2011 data quality, can be viewed below. The criteria give a clear view of the constraints and trade-offs involved.

[Evaluation Criteria](#)
[Census 2011 data quality](#)

Page	Response
Information about you (Required)	<input type="text"/> 0/2 questions answered
Topic: Housing and accommodation	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Basic demographics and household composition	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered

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Topic: Migration	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Travel to work or place of study	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Ethnicity and national identity	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Language	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Religion	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Health and care	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Educational attainment	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
Topic: Labour force and socio-economic classification	<input type="text"/> 0/15 questions answered
New topic: Sexual orientation	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
New topic: Income	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
New sub-topic: Second address	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
New sub-topic: Number of bedrooms	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
New sub-topic: Type of migration	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
New sub-topic: Citizenship	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
New sub-topic: Voluntary and unpaid work	<input type="text"/> 0/11 questions answered
Additional topic suggestion 1	<input type="text"/> 0/12 questions answered
Additional topic suggestion 2	<input type="text"/> 0/12 questions answered
Additional topic suggestion 3	<input type="text"/> 0/12 questions answered
User Satisfaction	<input type="text"/> 0/1 questions answered
Evaluation	<input type="text"/> 0/1 questions answered

Citizen Space – consultation questions

1. Strength of user need - purpose
2. Need for small geographies or populations
3. Requirement for UK comparability
4. Requirement for consistency over time
5. Need for multivariate analysis
6. Suitability of alternative sources
7. Meeting user needs
8. Other comments

How to respond – key points

- Read through the consultation document
- Complete the required ‘About you’ questions
- You can respond as an individual or as an organisation
- Tell us as much as you can about how and why you use census data
- Tell us about any additional topics you need
- Submit your response by 15 January 2016

Next steps

- Please go online and respond to the consultation by midnight on 15 January 2016
- Responses to the consultation will be published
- We will then report our response to the consultation later in Spring 2016
- Work plan for topic and question development

Questions / discussion